

1.1. Mayors Report

Final budget Speech by Her Worship Mayor of Musina, Cllr. Mihloti Muhlope during the Council Meeting held at Musina Municipality Council Chambers on 25 March 2020.

It is indeed a great honor and privilege for me to present this draft budget during this momentous occasion. The Draft budget I am presenting here today was prepared in line with our Integrated Development Plan and in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act No 53 of 2003. The IDP and MFMA remain the cornerstone of every developmental and people friendly budget, a critical tool for effective governance and proper planning. After six month of idp and budget process we finally can say the adjustment budget as presented is in line with the assumptions and needs of our people however limited the resources may be.

We remain committed to the realization of our five Key Performance Areas which are:

- Good Governance and Public Participation
- Municipal Transformation and Organizational Development
- Basic Infrastructure and Service Delivery
- Local Economic Development and
- Municipal Financial Viability and Management

The 2009 ANC Manifesto has identified five priority areas to improve the living conditions of our people. These are:

- Creation of decent work and sustainable livelihood
- Education
- Health
- Rural development, Food Security and Land Reform
- The fight against crime and corruption

In his State of the Nation Address on 13 February 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa said our task, as South Africans, is to seize this moment of hope and renewal, and to work together to ensure that it makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our people. He said this year, government will be initiating measures to set the country on a new path of growth, employment and transformation. We will work with various stakeholders to make sure that these measurable are achieved.

We are striving towards a more integrated planning approach whereby we seamlessly integrate our IDP, budget and performance management system with one another while simultaneously aligning our planning to National and Provincial plans and frameworks, specifically the National Development Plan 2030. This approach necessitated a revision of our strategic objectives for the remainder of this IDP cycle.

As outlined by Premier Stanley Mathabatha during his State of the Province address on 27 February 2020, the realization of the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is at an advanced stage. He said the SEZ will boost the economy and create jobs. And I quote: “We have since completed the External Master Plans for both the Southern and Northern parts of the SEZ. In the same vein, the Internal Master Plan for the Southern part is complete. We have now completed the Environmental Impact Assessment study for the Northern side while the process is at 90% for the Southern side. It is also pleasing to report that the Makhado-Musina SEZ Company has recently signed an additional 1.1 billion

US dollars investment commitment.” I close quote. Despite limited resources, this means that we must work hard to realize our dream of becoming a city in the near future.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this adjustment budget comes at a time when the world is faced with escalating food and fuel prices. These are all the effects of globalization and as a municipality, we are also part of this unpleasant situation.

Honorable Councilors, please allow me to thank the financial technocrats who compiled this Municipal Finance Management Act Compliant adjustment Budget Document of our municipality as delegated by the Municipal Manager and the Chief Financial Officer.

I now have the pleasure to present to you an overview of the Draft Budget Estimates for 2020/ 21 financial year.

THE TOTAL DRAFT BUDGET IS

R 377 049 00

Capital budget will be funded from MIG allocation of R58 million, with the R8 million surplus that will be funding own projects,

OPERATING GRANTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EPWP	: R 1 639 million
Equitable shares	: R 158 173 million
Finance Management Grant	: R 2 700 million
Total Operating Grants	: R 162 512 million

DEPARTMENTAL DRAFT BUDGET BY MAJOR VOTE

	Budget
Executive and Council	: R 67 742 million
Municipal Manager	: R 25 646 million
Financial Services	: R 33 719 million
Community Services	: R 43 618 million
Technical Services	: R141 520 million
Planning and Development	:R 20 401 million
Corporate Services	: R 36 134 million

TOTAL DRAFT BUDGET: R 368 779 million

Allow me to quickly highlight some of the projects we identified with our stakeholders for the new financial year. They are as follows: All of the listed projects for 2020/21.

- Nancefield multi-purpose center
- Nancefield ext. 2 & 8 concrete paved road

- Masisi Sports Facility
- Nance field storm water channel phase 02
- Electrical reticulation for new urban areas

It is therefore my honor to move for the adoption of this Draft budget by Council for implementation.

Thank you